

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Continuation application) Anticipated Group
of:) Art Unit: 3621
Michael D. Powell)
Parent Serial No.: 09/747,748)
Filed: 12/22/2000)
Entitled: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
A CRYPTOGRAPHICALLY ASSISTED)
COMMERCIAL NETWORK SYSTEM DESIGNED)
TO FACILITATE IDEA SUBMISSION,)
PURCHASE AND LICENSING AND)
INNOVATION TRANSFER)

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation application under
37 CFR 1.60, of the above-identified pending prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the abstract, specification, claims and drawings as originally filed, the effective declaration signed by the inventor in the prior application; and a Declaration of Michael D. Powell verifying the documents as true and accurate copies of the prior application, Serial No. 09/747,748, as originally filed on 12/22/2000.

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2. Transfer the formal drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. Triplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed for filing in the prior application file.
3. Priority of application Serial No. 09/747,748, filed on 12/22/2000 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119, which application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application 60/173,170, filed December 27, 1999.
4. The power appears in the prior application in the form of a Declaration which is enclosed. All future communications should be directed to Michael D. Powell, 16020 Winterbrook Rd., Los Gatos, California 95032
5. An Assignment has been filed in the prior application which assigns all right, title and interest in and to the prior application, as well as any Continuation applications based thereon, including the present Continuation application. The Assignee qualifies as a small entity.
6. Please cancel in this Continuation application original Claims 2-25 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim has been retained for filing purposes).
7. A Preliminary Amendment to amend the Specification and claims is enclosed. Claims 1-25 have been deleted by the enclosed Preliminary Amendment. New Claims 26-39 have been added.
8. The filing fee is calculated below:

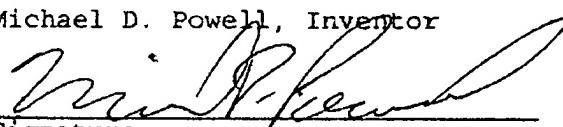
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CLAIM	NO OF CLAIMS	MINUS # OF CLAIMS ALLOWED	CLAIMS REMAINING	MULTIPLIED BY SMALL ENTITY RATE	TOTAL FEE
Total Claims	15	20	0	\$9.00	0.00
Independent Claims	3	3	0	\$43.00	0.00
Basic Filing Fee					385.00
TOTAL FEES					385.00

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9. A Form PTO-2038 Credit Card Authorization Form authorizing the charge of the basic filing fee as shown above is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this paper or to credit any overpayments, to Applicant's credit card.
10. The undersigned hereby declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Michael D. Powell, Inventor

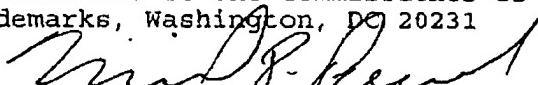

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